

**State Board of Health  
State Board of Senior Services  
Conference Call Minutes**

**February 17, 2009  
Director's Office Conference Room**

*Board Members Present:* Nathalie Tungesvik, Annette Slack, Donna Mannello, Ann Bannes, Jeffery Kerr, Michael Weaver, Ann Petersen, Debbie Cochran, Joseph Forand

*DHSS Staff and Guests:* Margaret Donnelly, Nancie McAnaug, Barb Wilbers, Kasey Martin, Kit Wagar, Patrick Lynn

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION
<b>Welcome and Introduction</b> <i>Margaret Donnelly</i>	<p>Margaret welcomed everyone to the first meeting together. She expressed that she was excited for the opportunity to lead the Department and that she has been immersed in learning more details about what the department is doing.</p> <p>Margaret has spent the last six years in the Missouri House of Representatives. During those six years, she served on the House Appropriations Committee for Health and Senior Services, Mental Health and Social Services as well as serving on the Budget Committee so she has been very involved in getting to know the department through those committees.</p> <p>Margaret thanked the members of both boards for giving their time on top of their busy lives and practices. There are no rules for approval during today's conference call. The only action will be to approve minutes from the previous meeting.</p>	FYI
<b>Department/Budget Update</b> <i>Margaret Donnelly</i>	Margaret indicated that the department will begin today or late tomorrow more detailed questioning about the budget. She is happy to report that we have a basically flat budget for next year which is good during these difficult times. We will be losing 17 full time equivalent positions, most of which are already vacant. Will see	FYI

	<p>an increase for Home and Community Based Care Providers. Teen smoking prevention program will see an increase as well. We will also be getting an increase in federal match for Medicaid services.</p>	
<p><b>Introduction of the new Public Information Officer – Kit Wagar</b>  <i>Margaret Donnelly</i></p>	<p>Margaret introduced Kit Wagar who has recently joined the department as the new Public Information Officer. For ten years, Kit covered legislative actions and activities of the governor and elected officials while working as a Missouri statehouse correspondent for <i>The Kansas City Star</i>. Margaret commented that the department is very lucky to have him as he will be bringing his talent and knowledge to helping us make sure that when we are asked questions that we speak proactively about issues that can be very sensitive/controversial.</p> <p>Kit indicated that he was glad to be here. One thing that struck him as he met people during his first three weeks here is how earnest they are. People in the department really care about public health.</p>	FYI
<p><b>Introduction of the new Legislative Liaison – Patrick Lynn</b>  <i>Margaret Donnelly</i></p>	<p>Margaret introduced Patrick Lynn who has recently joined the department as the new Legislative Liaison. Patrick comes to the department with an extensive background in governmental affairs and policy. He has worked on numerous campaigns. During Governor Holden’s administration, Patrick served as senior policy advisor. He also represented the state of Missouri on the federal level, serving in Washington as the senior legislative assistant to Governor Mel Carnahan.</p> <p>Patrick is very well known and liked in the halls of the General Assembly. The Department is lucky that he has joined us.</p>	FYI
<p><b>Legislative Update</b>  <i>Patrick Lynn</i></p>	<p>Patrick indicated that he was glad to be here and provided the following information on legislation that the Department of Health and Senior Services (DHSS) is pursuing for the 2009 legislative session:</p> <p><u>Blindness Education, Screening and</u></p>	FYI

	<p><u>Treatment (BEST) Program Transfer:</u> Transfers program from DHSS to Department of Social Services (DSS).</p> <p><u>Controlled Substances Prescription Monitoring Program:</u> Language is currently being drafted. Creates a prescription monitoring program to collect prescription data from pharmacies and other dispensers of controlled substances in an electronic format.</p> <p><u>Senior ID Theft Penalties:</u> Increases criminal penalties against those that commit identity theft against elderly and disabled.</p> <p><u>Protection of the Elderly and Adults with Disabilities:</u> Prohibits a provider from hiring anyone with disqualifying history unless the person has submitted an approved good cause waiver. The bill would also include convictions for stealing and financial exploitation of the elderly and disabled.</p> <p><u>Long-Term Care Facility Fire Safety:</u> Removes controversial language regarding the fire alarm systems; change reference to “residents” to “beds” in reference to facility capacity; clarify definition of major renovation to apply new requirements to only the renovated portion of a facility rather than the entire facility; remove reference to compliance with Chapter 33 of the life safety code.</p> <p><u>Improve Oversight of Child Care Facilities:</u> Improves state oversight of child care facilities by addressing the following specific areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Discipline of child care licenses</li> <li>- Penalties for illegally operating unlicensed child care providers</li> <li>- Definition of “child care facility” in section 210.201. RSMo</li> <li>- Exemptions for child in one statutory reference</li> <li>- Institutionalizes the good cause waiver</li> </ul>	
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	<p>process for child care in the Family Care Safety Registry (FCSR)</p> <p><u>Lead Renovation Authorization/Lead Abatement</u>: Updates lead statutes to reflect new EPA regulation to allow DHSS to certify individuals and firms performing renovation activities and accredit training providers that provide the required training that allows certification to proceed.</p> <p><u>Missouri Head Injury Advisory Council (MHIAC) Transfer</u>: Transfers the MHIAC from the Office of Administration to DHSS and changes the reference of “head injury” to “brain injury”. No surcharge increase.</p> <p><u>Mass Prophylaxis</u>: Allows for the dispensing of medications by state or local government employees during a declared emergency.</p> <p>Joe Forand indicated that he had worked with Sen. Champion on prescription monitoring (SB732) last year and wondered if there was a bill number for this years’ bill. When he is in Jefferson City he would be glad to help if he can. Patrick indicated that there was not a bill number yet, but would email that number to Dr. Forand once received.</p>	
<p><b>Approval of Minutes from November 18, 2008 Meeting</b></p>	<p>Margaret requested a motion for approval of the minutes from the November 18, 2008 meeting.</p>	<p><u>Board of Health</u>: Ann Petersen made the motion to approve the minutes.</p> <p>Michael Weaver seconded the motion.</p> <p>None opposed.</p> <p><u>Board of Senior Services</u>: Jeffery Kerr made the motion to approve the minutes.</p> <p>Ann Bannes seconded</p>

		<p>the motion.</p> <p>None opposed.</p> <p>Minutes from November 18, 2008 meeting approved.</p>
<p><b>Proposed Meeting Dates for 2009: May 21, August 27, November 19</b>  <i>Margaret Donnelly</i></p>	<p>Dates for joint meetings of the Board of Health/Board of Senior Services for the remainder of 2009 were discussed.</p> <p>Proposed dates of May 21, August 27, and November 19 were given. Due to conflicts on November 19, the November meeting will be held November 17.</p> <p>Please mark your calendar for the following dates for 2009:  May 21, 2009  August 27, 2009  November 17, 2009</p> <p>These will be face-to-face meetings held in Jefferson City. More details to be provided closer to meeting date.</p>	<p>FYI and hold the dates</p>
<p><b>Issues/Concerns</b>  <i>Margaret Donnelly</i></p>	<p>Margaret asked members of the Boards if there were any issues/concerns that they would like to address. She indicated that she would be looking to use board members in a more effective way and make sure the communication is there. When we get an opportunity to most effectively use funds from this stimulus package we do want help and input from the Boards. Margaret may talk with board members individually or may meet with them via additional conference calls.</p> <p>Jeffery Kerr mentioned to Margaret that if she had a chance to attend Best Practices, they would love to see her and have her attend.</p> <p>Debra Cochran welcomed Margaret and new staff and thanked Nancie McAnagh for her consistency and support to the Boards.</p>	<p>FYI</p>
<p><b>Next Meeting</b></p>	<p>May 21, 2009, 10:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.,  Jefferson City, MO</p>	<p>FYI</p>

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